

Arguments/ Remarks

I. Status

Claims 1-43 are pending. Claims 24-43 have been withdrawn in light of the Requirement for Restriction discussed below. Accordingly, claims 1-23 are presently pending and under Examination.

Applicants have amended the claims to improve their clarity and to address formality issues. All of the amendments are supported by the originally presented claims. No new matter has been added by any of the requested amendments.

II. The Requirement for Restriction

The Examiner has advised that the presently claimed invention comprises multiple independent or distinct inventions, and has accordingly issued a Requirement for Restriction of the claims as follows:

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| Group I | Claims 1-23, drawn to a method of electrochemically depositing a polysaccharide; |
| Group II | Claims 24-38, drawn to a method of conjugating a component to a polysaccharide mass; and |
| Group III | Claims 39-43, drawn to a composition of matter and a device comprising the composition. |

Applicants herewith elect to prosecute in this application the invention of **Group I** (claims 1-23). Accordingly, all other claims have been withdrawn.

III. Concluding Remarks

Applicants submit that the present response is complete and complies with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §121. The Application is believed to be in condition for

Examination and early notice of favorable action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any remaining questions regarding the subject invention or its patentability, Applicants encourage the Examiner to contact the undersigned to answer such questions or provide any desired additional information.

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